(i) Dapsone: 100mg, 50mg, 25mg, tablets.

(ii) Clofazimine: 10mg, 50mg Capsules.

(iii) Rifampicin 300mg., 150mg. Capsules.

(c) These drugs are given free of cost to leprosy patients under the National Leprosy Eradication Programme.

(d) The following formulations which fall under Category I of Drug Prices Control Order 1987 are cleared for use in the leprosy programme. Rifampicin has since been listed under category II:

(1) Rifampicin
(2) Clofazimine
(3) Dapsone

The drugs mentioned at (a) are procured for free distribution under National Leprosy Eradication Programme.

(e) All the drugs are procured through Directorate General of Supply and Disposal. Details of order placed during the three years 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89 are given at Annexure (See Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 123].

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) Year-wise Budget Estimates for last three years is as follows:

Year	Budget Estimate (Rs. in Lakhs)
1986-87	114 84
1987-88	573.00
1988-89	433.00

Purchase of medicines for prevention of Dehydration Programme

2183. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are purchasing any medicine for prevention of dehydration programme.

(b) if so, the names of such medicines;

(c) what was the quantity purchased of each during the last three years, year-wise alongwith names of the party, the value, quantity, price at which purchased from each party;

(d) what are the important and safe medicines being marketed for thereof;

(e) the names of the medicines which are covered under Category-I of Drugs Price Control Order;

(f) whether it is a fact that drug companies are charging very high prices of these medicines; and

(g) what steps have been taken to provide the medicines needed for dehydration at reasonable prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Under the Oral Rehydration Therapy Programme funds are provided by Government of India to the States/UTs for purchase of Oral Rehydration Salt (WHO recommended formula).

(c) According to the information available, the details regarding quantity purchased by the States/UTs during the last three years, year-wise alongwith names of the party and cost of given in the Annexure. [See Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 126].

(d) to (f) Oral Rehydration Salt (WHO recommended formula) is considered safe medicine for combating dehydration and is marketed under different brand names by several companies in the country. These are not covered under the Drugs Price Control Order.

(g) In order to make Oral Rehydration Salt freely available restrictions on the sale of this item by licensed pharmacists have been removed.

Filling of posts on Deputation

2184. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the rules for filling up of the posts reserved to be filled on deputetion;

(b) whether an officer/official serving in the same department can be considered against the posts reserved to be filled on deputation in that department;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that in some of the departments of Delhi Administration, the candidature of officers/officials working in the department are being considered against the posts to be filled on deputation meant for the same department; and

(e) if so, what are the details of such departments together with number of posts being filled and what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) According to the instructions issued by Department of Personnel & Training, departmental officers in the feeder category who, according to the provisions of the recruitment rules, are in direct line of promotion should not be considered for appointment by transfer on deputation. Departmental officers who are not in the direct line of promotion can however be considered provided they fulfil the eligibility conditions prescribed in the recruitment rules.

(d) and (e) Delhi Administration have reported that posts required to be filled by transfer on deputation are filled according to the provisions of the recruitment rules after circulating the vacancies and after considering all eligible applicants including the eligible departmental candidates.

Import of Oxyfedrine HCL, Tolnafate, Flucinolone, Acetamide, Carbenicillin Sodium etc.

2185. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Oxyfedrine Hcl, Tolnafate, Flucinocone, Acetamide, Carbenicillin, Sodium, Trimimpra mine Maleate; Pynithyldone are being imported in the country;

(b) if so, what was the quantity of each drug imported during the last two years, year-wise;

(c) the names of the parties who imported, quantity imported by each along with CIF price per kg. and source of import;

(d) what are the indications for which each drug has been allowed for marketing along with the strength, and composition of each;

(e) whether Government drew any sample of any of these drugs for test during the same period; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and report of each sample along with the laboratory where tested?